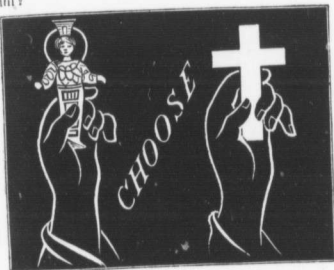


[Show the blackboard, and talk about different kinds of idols which children are tempted to worship. Each teacher can best determine what to warn her class against, and this is a subject well worthy of study.] You must not think that because idols are not worshipped here you will not have to choose. Some children love their own way more than they love God, and so that is an idol to them. Can you not think of other idols which Satan wants you to choose? What will you say to him?



Kindergarten Hints.

KINDERGARTEN DEPARTMENT. Paul at Ephesus. Acts 19. 24-28, 35, 36, 41; 20. 33, 37, 38.

GOLDEN TEXT. "Thou shalt not covet." Exod. 20. 17.

AIDS TO THE KINDERGARTNER. Holy Bible, Exod. 20; *Early Years of Christianity* (Pressensé), pp. 167-180; *Discoveries at Ephesus* (J. T. Wood), "Site and Temple of Diana."

ATTENTION STORY.

After Paul had written the letter we talked about in our last lesson he left Aquila and Priscilla in the city of Ephesus while he went on a journey to Jerusalem. He said that if God was willing he would come again pretty soon, and then he sailed away. One day when Aquila and Priscilla went to church they heard a new minister preach. His name was Apollos. They thought they would like to know him, so they invited him to go home with them, and they told him more yet about the "way of God." Acts 18. 27. When he was to leave that city the men of the church wrote to the people where he was going that he had told them much of the story about Jesus, and they wrote a nice letter introducing him. Paul came back to the city, and went to the church and preached, for he stayed there a long time. By and by a man who worked with silver thought that Paul's preaching was troublesome, and he told the people why he thought so. Let us see what he said. [Read Acts 19. 24-28, 35-41.]

Explain unusual words: "Silversmith," "craftsmen," "shrines," "occupation," "naught," "goodness."

OUTLINE.

Sunday. Attention Story, Bible lesson, Golden Text, and conversation, in which the children may learn to name the persons of whom we speak in

the lesson. Call attention to the great desire which this good man, Paul, had that he might help others. He wanted to tell the wonderful story to everyone. How tired he must have been many times! Yet he did not say, "It is of no use," but he kept on journeying and helping all the time and everywhere he could. Have the children see that he was a hero and a knight.

Monday. The people of Ephesus prayed to a statue which was made to look like a person's head and shoulders, and the lower part was straight, like the sides of a box. This image was made of wood, and was carved. A man who worked with silver made little images to look like the large image. These little ones people bought and put in their houses and prayed to them. The large image was kept in the temple built for it. Well, the man who made the images had many men helping him, and they sold their work for much money.

Tuesday. Paul told the people about the true God, that he was their Father, and that they might pray to him and not to the image. Many were glad to hear this, and they prayed to God and did not buy any more images.

Wednesday. One day the silversmith told the men who worked for him that Paul had caused the people to give up the images, and had told them that anything made by men's hands could not be God. The men did not like to hear this, for they wanted the money for making images, and they all called out in loud voices that the image was great.

Thursday. They made such a fuss in the streets that a man had to come out of his office and be a peacemaker and talk quietly to them. He said that they might talk about it with each other in a quiet way, but the image was all right, for it fell down from heaven. Now, this man was kind, but he was mistaken about the image, and he himself needed to learn of God. After Paul had been in other places and came back to this city many people were glad to see him, for they knew that he had told them the truth, and they loved him.

Friday. The Golden Text is like a part of the speech Paul made to the people when he came back. He said that he had not wished for their gold or silver. Have the children repeat the Golden Text. Explain the meaning of it. "Covet" means to wish for something which we ought not to have and which belongs to some one else. Read verses 37, 38, of Acts 40, showing how the people loved Paul after all the trouble about the image.

NATURE WORK. The most beautiful things in a city are made of what came from the country. The temple in Ephesus which held the image was made of marble. Where is it found, and how do men get it? The roof was of carved cedar and the doors of cypress. Talk of these trees. One stairway was made of a single vine which came from